DISTRICT REPORTS.

8. Markets how supplied.

9. Progress of agricultural operations, state of standing crops, prospects and probable outturn of harvests, serious damage done to crops by insects or other natural calamities.

10. Prospects of season, tracts in which the rainfall has been insufficient, areas affected by scarcity, number of people under relief, and state of food stocks.

11. Public health.

12. Remarks as to the condition of agricultural stock, failure of pasturage of fodder, etc.

BANGALORE CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION.

	Average for the past five years of the corresponding week.	*Current.*	
Prices of food grains—Rice* ...	7·2	5¾ to 6	seers per rupee.
Ragi ...	18·1	10¾ to 11	

* Rangoon rice, 2nd sort, 8 seers per rupee.

Agricultural operations.—Fields are being ploughed. Cattle are in good condition. Water and fodder sufficient.

BANGALORE CITY AND TALUKS.

8. Market generally well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing and manuring the fields in parts of the several taluks of the district are being carried on.

Standing crops.—Sugar-cane is in fair condition in some places in the Hoskote Taluk. Its condition is good in the Dodballapur, Nelamangala, Kankanhalli and Magadi Taluks and is moderate in the Bangalore, Anekal and Devanhalli Taluks.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane is being planted in some parts of the Hoskote Taluk.

Crop harvested.—Sugar-cane is being milled in some places in the Hoskote and Anekal Taluks.

10. Prospects of the season are reported to be encouraging in the Hoskote Taluk, good in the Dodballapur, Magadi, Channapatna and Anekal Taluks and moderate in the Bangalore and Kankanhalli Taluks and the Closepet Sub-Taluk. Scarcity is felt in some parts of the Bangalore, Dodballapur, Hoskote and Devanhalli Taluks. Difficulty for water is felt in the Magadi Taluk.

Supply of water received in tanks.—
Nelamangala—1 to 4 months' supply.
Anekal Taluk—15 to 30 days' supply.
Hoskote Taluk—Small tanks received some supply.

Number of persons employed in tank and well works.—284 in the Dodballapur Taluk, 2,212 in the Nelamangala Taluk, 40 in the Magadi Taluk and 203 in the Devanhalli Taluk.

Number of persons in receipt of gratuitous relief.—364 in the Bangalore Taluk, 114 in the Dodballapur Taluk, 16 in the Nelamangala Taluk and 30 in the Magadi Taluk. Food stuffs are available but their prices continue to be high.

11. Except for small-pox in some places in the Hoskote and Magadi Taluks and the Closepet Sub-Taluk, measles in the Anekal and Hoskote Taluks and whooping-cough in the Magadi Taluk, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" in some parts of the Hoskote, Kankanhalli, Magadi, Channapatna, and Anekal Taluks, "Galesake Roga" in the Hoskote Taluk, "Chappe Roga" in the Magadi Taluk and "Neradi Roga" in the Anekal Taluk are prevailing. Water and fodder are available. But well water is being drawn and used for cattle in some places in the Magadi and Channapatna Taluks and the Closepet Sub-Taluk. Straw and ragi are being exported from the Magadi Taluk to Kunigal and other places.

KOLAR.

8. Market moderately supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands all over the district are being ploughed.

Standing crops under *kapile* wells are reported to be in fairly good condition.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane in parts of the Bowringpet and Malur Taluks.

Crops harvested.—Bengal gram in the Mulbagal Taluk and jolum in the Bagepalli Taluk and the Gudibanda Sub-Taluk.

Outturn of harvest.—
Bengal gram in Mulbagal, yield 2 annas. Cholum in the Bagepalli Taluk and the Gudibanda Sub-Taluk, yield from 2 to 8 annas.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. Prices of food stuffs still rule high. The recent rainfall has improved the outlook to some extent; but more rain is needed. The measures adopted to relieve distress in the affected parts of the district are being continued.

11. Except for cholera in parts of the Kolar Taluk and small-pox in parts of the Bowringpet and Mulbagal Taluks, and in parts of the Gudibanda Sub-Taluk, public health generally good.

12. Rinderpest is reported to be prevailing in parts of the Bowringpet, Chintamani, Mulbagal and Bagepalli Taluks and in the Gudibanda Sub-Taluk. Water and fodder are fairly sufficient.

TUMKUR.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands are being ploughed and manured in most parts of the district.

Standing crops are reported to be in moderate condition in the Taluks of Tumkur, Chiknayakanhalli, Sira, Gubbi and Kunigal and in the Sub-Taluks of Koratagere and Turuvekere. Crops under wells in the Maddagiri and Pavagada Taluks, and cholum in tank beds in the Tiptur Taluk, are withering.

Crops sown.—Cholum, black gram and green gram in the Chiknayakanhalli Taluk; cholum in the Gubbi Taluk; sugar-cane in the Koratagere Sub-Taluk; and cholum, til and gidda ragi in the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane in the Tumkur Taluk; cholum in the Maddagiri and Chiknayakanhalli Taluks; nati ragi and cholum in the Sira Taluk; cholum and cotton in the Pavagada Taluk; sugar-cane and cholum in the Koratagere Sub-Taluk; and cholum in the Turuvekere Sub- Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season appear to be encouraging by recent rainfall, but are still uncertain. General condition of the district is not quite satisfactory. Works are still in progress and gratuitous relief is being continued. Prices of food grains are high.

11. Except for cholera and small-pox in certain villages, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga," and "Foot and mouth" disease are prevailing in some parts of the district. Scarcity of water and fodder is still being felt in many parts of the district. Temporary wells are being dug in several villages to mitigate water scarcity. Fodder for cattle is being imported into certain villages of the Sira, Tiptur and Kunigal Taluks and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk. Thirty-seven cattle in the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk have come back from forests.

MYSORE.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands all over the district are being ploughed and sown.

Standing crops are reported to be in good condition. Cholum in parts of the Chinkurli hobli of the Krishnarajpete Taluk is withering for want of rain.

Crops sown.—Gidda ragi in parts of the Krishnarajpete and Mysore Taluks; cholum in parts of the Mysore, Yedatore, Malvalli, Mandya, Krishnarajpete and Nagamangala Taluks, gingelly in parts of the Mysore, Malvalli, Mandya, Krishnarajpete and Nagamangala Taluks; green gram, black gram, horse gram, halasandi, ballar, togari and castor in parts of the Mysore Taluk and kambu in parts of the Mandya Taluk, are being sown. Sugar-cane is being planted in parts of the Mysore Taluk. Kar paddy is being transplanted in parts of the T.-Narsipur Taluk; and the remaining wet lands in it are being sown with horse gram for manurial purposes.

Crops harvested.—Nill.

10. Prospects of the season, though indifferent in parts, are getting more hopeful with the recent rains. Food stuffs are available in all the taluks, except Nagamangala, where they are reported to have run short. Thirty-two persons in the Mandya Taluk are reported to be under gratuitous relief. It is reported that up to the end of the last week, Rs. 515-1-8 have been paid to coolies employed on tank works, and that ragi worth Rs. 392-3-5 has been gratuitously distributed to relieve distress.

11. Except for plague in parts of the Mysore, Hunsur and Nanjangud Taluks, cholera in parts of the Hunsur Taluk, and small-pox in parts of the Malvalli Taluk, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" and "Chappe Roga" are still prevailing among cattle in parts of the district. Some tanks in parts of the Mandya Taluk are reported to have received two months' supply of water. Temporary wells are being sunk wherever difficulty for water is felt. Fodder is scarce in parts of the Mandya Taluk.

HASSAN.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands are being ploughed throughout the district, and manured in parts.

Standing crops.—Kar paddy in the Manjarabad Taluk and sugar-cane in the Channarayapatna and Hole-Narsipur Taluks and the Alur Sub-Taluk, are in fair condition. Sugar-cane in the Hassan Taluk is withering for want of water.

Crops sown.—Paddy in parts of the Belur and Manjarabad Taluks; gidda ragi, gingelly, jola and green gram in parts of the Channarayapatna Taluk, are being sown.

Estimated outturn of crops.—Sugar-cane, yield from 8 to 12 annas.

10. Prospects of the season have improved; but more rain is eagerly looked for in all parts of the district to enable ploughing the lands and sowing the *mungar* crops. Food stuffs are available.

11. Except for cholera in parts of the Arkalgud Taluk, ague and dysentery in parts of the Manjarabad Taluk and small-pox and measles in parts of the Hole-Narsipur Taluk, public health generally good.

12. Cattle are generally in fair condition, except in parts of the Channarayapatna Taluk, where they are reported to be emaciated. "Dod Roga" is still prevalent in parts of the Arsikere and Hassan Taluks. Water and fodder are available in limited quantities. Temporary wells have been sunk, wherever necessary. Pasture is reported to have sprung up in parts of the Hole-Narsipur Taluk, owing to recent showers. Paddy straw continues to be imported into the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks. In the latter taluk, it is supplemented by date and sugar-cane leaves.

SHIMOGA.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands are being ploughed and manured in all parts of the district.

Standing crops.—Sugar-cane in all the taluks of the district is in moderately good condition. But it requires more rain in the maidan parts.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane in some parts of the Shimoga and Nagar Taluks.

Crops harvested.—Nil.

10. Prospects of the season uncertain. Rain is anxiously looked for. Food stuffs are available but their prices continue to be high.

11. Except for fever in some parts of the Malnad Taluks, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" still continues in parts of the Shimoga and Honnali Taluks. Water and fodder are available for the present.

KADUR.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing in Chikmagalur, Kadur, Mudgere and Yedahalli.

Standing crops.—

In Chikmagalur and Kadur—Kar paddy and sugar-cane.

In Koppa—Pepper and sugar-cane.

In Mudgere—Kode paddy.

No standing crops in other taluks.

The standing crops are in unsatisfactory condition for want of timely and sufficient rain.

Crops harvested and their yield.—

In Kadur—Sugar-cane, yield 8 annas.

In Koppa—Pepper and sugar-cane, yield on a small scale.

10. Prospects of the season continue to be the same as in the previous weeks. People throughout the district are anxiously looking forward for rain. Food stuffs are available, but their prices continue to be high.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle are generally healthy. Water and fodder are available in the malnad; but difficulty is felt in procuring them in the maidan parts of the district.

N. B.—Report not received from Sringeri.

CHITALDRUG.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Agricultural Operations.*—Raiyats are engaged in preparing their lands in parts of the Hiriyur, Hosdurga and Challakere Taluks, where there were some showers during the past week. Raiyats are anxiously expecting the "Bharani" rains to commence the ploughing and sowing operations.

Standing crops, such as paddy, jola, navane, tobacco and cotton under wells and channels are reported to be in fairly good condition.

Crops sown.—Nil.

Crops harvested and their yield.—

Jola and navane in the Challakere Taluk, yield 4 annas.

Paddy in the Challakere and Holalkere Taluks, yield from 6 to 8 annas.

10. Prospects of the season fair, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Davangere, Jagalur and Hosdurga Taluks. Food stuffs available. On account of demand for labour in the affected parts of the district, several works were started to relieve the distress of the poor and the needy. Takavi loans and gratuitous relief in grains were also given to the poor and helpless raiyats in the affected parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Davangere, Jagalur and Hosdurga Taluks and the Harihar Sub-Taluk.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle healthy, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Holalkere, Hosdurga and Davangere Taluks, where 'rinderpest' prevails. Water and fodder available, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Davangere, Molakalmuru and Hosdurga Taluks and the Harihar Sub-Taluk. Fodder is insufficient. Those that can afford it, get it at very high rates from places where the same is available; while others take their cattle to forests where fodder could be had. Date leaves are also used for cattle in some parts. Water difficulty is on the increase, but every effort is being made to lessen the hardship by deepening existing wells and sinking new ones.

BANGALORE,
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